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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 1 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 7 states "portion wrist" but should be "wrist portion". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayes (US 4,677,697) in view of Gold (US 4,993,128).

Re claim 1, Hayes teaches a disposable glove 21 that may be used for pet waste, comprising:

a front portion and back portion, the back portion being connected to the front portion form a sheath adapted for encasing dorsal and ventral aspects of a hand;

a plurality tubular finger sleeves (not numbered) extending from the sheath;

a thumb sleeve (not numbered) extending from the sheath;

a wrist portion (not numbered) extending from the sheath and terminating in an open end; and

a drawstring 39 around the wrist portion;

whereby a user may place the glove on the hand, pick up pet waste material with the gloved hand, turn the glove inside out by pulling the drawstring up over the hand and

fingers, and tightening the drawstring in order to contain the waste material within the glove 21 for disposal.

Hayes does not teach the drawstring extending completely around the wrist portion adjacent the open end and forming a continuous loop external of the wrist portion. Gold teaches (figures 1,4,6) a drawstring 54 extending completely around the wrist portion adjacent the open end and forming a continuous loop external of the wrist portion in order to more easily close the opening. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Hayes by Gold to have the drawstring extending completely around the wrist portion adjacent the open end and forming a continuous loop external of the wrist portion in order to more easily close the opening.

Re claim 2, Hayes teaches a glove (sheath) 21 that may be worn on either hand.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayes (US 4,677,697) in view of Gold (US 4,993,128) and Ross (US 5,734,992).

Re claim 3, Hayes teaches the glove made of a rubber compound or other pliable material (column 3, line 23) but does not mention latex directly. Ross teaches use of latex gloves since they are fluid impermeable and transmit tactile sensation. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made Hayes glove latex both because latex is an example of a rubber compound or other pliable material and since it is fluid impermeable and transmits tactile sensation.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Burrow (US 2003/0062221) teaches a similar drawstring.

Rattinger (US 6,042,288) teaches a similar drawstring.

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Since applicant's arguments and comments were only directed to the new drawstring limitations, it is assumed that applicant agrees with the other rejection of the other claim limitations.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Scott Lowe whose telephone number is 703-305-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-4:30pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 703-308-3248. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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